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- At the beginning of July 1951, it was learned that buildings of the German Allgemeine Transportgesellschaft (General Transportation Company) (ATG), which are situated on the southwest bank of the Elbe River, just south of the Larien Bridge between Leipzigerstrasse and Hollandstrasse, Dresden, were to be vacated on Soviet order. In some of the buildings, which had already been vacated, boxes with canned goods have been stockpiled since June. The Soviet unit concerned also commandeered the modern trucks of the ATG, painted them olive drab and assigned them Soviet vehicle numbers. In records of the purchasing contract, the Soviet unit had the numerical designations XIV/2 and XIV/3. The buildings requisitioned by the Soviets were five six-story ferro-concrete structures with freight elevators inside and outside the buildings. The installation was provided with railroad spurs. *
- A Volkspolizei motor transport officer stated that VT trucks, with police drivers and Soviet soldiers wearing red epaulets as assistant drivers, hauled large amounts of ration supplies, articles of clothing and equipment to the former ration supply depot on Hoenigsbrueckerstrasse. Cereals from the Knetsch Mill in Wurzen were trucked to a five-story depot building and stored there. Other supplies stored there included canned poultry from the VEB Canning Factory in Leipzig, 1,22 and 100,000 kg of sunflower seeds in sacks which bore the inscription 1951 and consecutive numbers from 271 upwards. Supplies stored in another five-story store-house included: cereals, biscuit in sacks, 300,000 kg of sunflower seeds in sacks which bore the same inscription as those described above, large quantities of canned meat, and 20,000 cans with condensed milk. Soviet uniforms and other equipment were stored in a three-story building. *

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Comment. This is the first information on the stockpiling of Soviet goods in the VT warehouses. But since the warehouses concerned are especially suitable for military purposes, the information by source is given credence. It is still undetermined whether the installation is only an organizational depot or a branch depot of the main supply depot which is referred to in paragraph 2 of the present report.

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Comment. The information confirms the large general supply depot which, though subordinate to the First Gds Mech Army, also serves numerous units and offices other than those of the First Gds Mech Army.

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